

HARDING DISMISSAL ACT CALLED ILLEGAL

Summary Ouster of Engraving Bureau Officials Assailed as Political.

CIVIL SERVICE ATTACK

Commission Directs President's Attention to Statutory 'Violation.'

EXECUTIVE CHALLENGED

Senator King Calls for Publication of Charges Against Discharged Men.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 1. The President's order ousting all official heads of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing "for the good of the service" caused a furore to-day among more than 75,000 Government job holders.

The situation created by dismissal of executive heads, including some of the most skilled in the country, was believed to be the forerunner of complete reorganization in other departments.

The summary dismissal of the bureau officials led to demands in the Senate for a thorough investigation of the facts which led to the President's executive order. Senators Carraway and King charged that the President's act means replacement of "competent civil service workers" by incompetent Republican office seekers.

Violation of Law Charged.

A general row over the dismissals was stirred up in various branches of the Government. The Civil Service Commission held that dismissal of the bureau officials, without notice or privilege to reply to any charges that may have been found against them, violated one of the fundamental clauses of the civil service law.

So far as could be learned to-night none of the officials involved has been served with any charges, nor would any of the higher officials of the Treasury Department or the Department of Justice admit there had been any irregularities in the money making plant. The only explanation was that the President's order followed a preliminary investigation which disclosed need for "greater economy and efficiency."

The dismissed director, James L. Wilmet, a Government employee and official for twenty-five years, said to-day that he believed the institution had been brought up to its highest efficiency under his management and that costs had been cut to the lowest possible point.

by adoption of improved methods and by release of employees not actually needed.

"It was my policy to run the Bureau of Engraving on an efficiency basis," he said. "The methods were business-like and politics never entered into any promotion ever made at the bureau. The men affected by the discharge order are among the best in their line in the United States."

Political Move Denied.

Reports persisted that the removal of the officials was something of a political move, but this was stoutly denied by Administration officials. They pointed out that one of the reasons for the general shift in official personnel was the existence of dissension among the various division chiefs, and that conditions called for drastic action to restore harmony.

Attorney-General Daugherty said there was ample legal authority for the course taken by the President. In spite of the Attorney-General's view, however, the Civil Service Commission called to the attention of the President for his information those sections of the civil service law which make it mandatory that before civil service employees can be removed they must be served with charges and must have an opportunity to answer.

Challenges the President.

"I challenge the President or the Secretary of the Treasury to make public the charges against these men and the sources of these charges. It is infamous to try men behind closed doors so that they cannot know their accusers, hear the evidence or even hear the charges on which they are being tried."

"No other President of the United States in my knowledge has ever dared to exercise his powers in so arbitrary a manner."

Senator King of Utah said there has been a "drive to secure places for faithful but too often incompetent Republicans."

"The civil service system has been attacked," he added. "The country may look for a reign of lawlessness and disregard of civil service and existing statutes, while places are being found for 'deserving' Republicans."

"The summary discharge of these men quite likely is the beginning of a vigorous drive to reward Republicans at the cost of economy and efficiency in public administration."

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WILL TRY TO RAISE TEACHING STANDARD

Federal Bureau Is Studying Question of How to Accomplish It.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 1.

Commissioner John J. Tigert of the Bureau of Education and his assistants are studying the question of how to raise the standard of training for school teachers throughout the United States. Thousands of women and men entrusted with the education of large groups of children in the public schools lack what the Federal officials regard as an adequate preparation for their work, Dr. Tigert said to-day.

In the grade schools many persons

are teaching classes who have not even high school diplomas, according to a recent investigation by the Bureau of Education. According to the Federal standards a man or woman to be properly equipped for teaching should have at least a normal school education. If the teaching is to be that in high schools a college or university diploma should represent adequate training. In other words the training of the teacher should reach considerably beyond the subject to be taught.

Thousands of men and women who were adequately trained to teach are now barred from the schools, it has been found. This is a result of the war. When living costs increased faster than teachers' salaries large numbers of teachers who were well equipped for their work were compelled to step out of the schools into the other positions that would pay better. Many were practically forced out by lack of means to remain, although their first interest was with the schools.

There was a national shortage of teachers. Economic depressions followed. Persons with hardly any training stepped into the vacant positions. At the same time the level of salaries paid teachers began to be increased.

More and more inadequately trained persons went into the schools as teachers. The shortage of teachers ceased to be a problem. There are now enough, so that few schools need remain closed for lack of men and women to conduct them.

But the teachers who are inadequately trained are holding the positions. And many persons who studied to make teaching their life work are without positions. School boards generally feel that in all fairness those persons who accepted positions when there was a teacher shortage should be retained.

The standard of training for teachers has been very largely lowered throughout the schools in all sections of the United States, the reports show. The correction of this situation may take several years, according to Commissioner Tigert.

BLIND WOMAN IS 100.

HARTFORD, April 1.—Mrs. Annie Cattan, 100 years old, recently found by a home reader of the State Board of Education for the Blind in the home of her nephew in Stonington, is believed to be the oldest blind person in Connecticut. She came from Portugal thirteen years ago.

HIGH SCHOOL DAMAGED BY MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Firemen Control Lively Blaze in Elizabethtown.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y., April 1.—An early morning fire of mysterious origin started in the southwest corner of the Elizabethtown High School building, one of the finest structures of the kind in northern New York. The primary department, cloak room, seats, desks and contents were destroyed.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Helen Kellogg Ferris, a guest at Brentwood Inn. Firemen smashed in the windows and succeeded in getting the fire under control, confining the blaze to the primary department, though the whole building was damaged by water. The loss is estimated at from \$5,000 to \$10,000, covered by insurance. The building was erected by Sandersprece & Bennet in 1915.

APRIL 22 GOLDEN ARBOR DAY.

President Calls for Instruction on Forest Preservation.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—President Harding to-day proclaimed April 22 as a golden anniversary of Arbor Day.

Officers of public instruction and of civic and commercial organizations were urged by the president "to unite in thought and action for the preservation of our common heritage by planning such educational and instructive exercises as shall bring before the people the disastrous effects of the present waste by forest fires and the need of individual and collective efforts to conserve the forests and increase our tree growth for ornament and use."

WOULD DESTROY KU KLUX.

Senator Culberson Arraigns Klan as Menace to Government.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Destruction of the Ku Klux Klan is advocated by Senator Culberson (Dem., Texas), in the following letter to a constituent: "I have no affiliation directly or indi-

rectly with this organization, and I am unqualifiedly opposed to its operations. If not curbed it will usurp the functions of the State and be destructive of government itself. It will indeed overthrow our Anglo-Saxon civilization in its relation to government.

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